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HONGKONG, 18th March, 1903.

TIME was, not so very long ago, when the resident in the Far East had comparatively little choice in his route homewards. It was a very great advance, both in speed and in comfort, when the mail steamer superseded the "wind-jammer," and a greater still when the Suez canal was opened and at once shortened and improved the passage to Europe. When the Pacific Mail service was formed, and large paddle-steamer crossed the broad Pacific, making the passage from San Francisco in some thirty days and calling at Japanese ports en route, this afforded a most agreeable variety in the trip, enabling the homeward-bound traveller to break the sea passage by a long railway journey across the United States, and giving him a chance of seeing a different side of the world. The completion of the great Canadian Pacific Railway and the formation of the line of magnificent steamers between Vancouver and Hongkong reduced the trip across the American continent very considerably and afforded new inducements to adopt that route, which has ever since been increasingly patronised in the summer months. Since that time larger and faster steamers have appeared and many new lines, mail and otherwise, have started, giving travellers an almost bewildering choice of routes and vessels. In addition to the lines to different ports in Europe and those on the American Pacific coast there are now opportunities via Australia and South Africa, which, if less luxurious, have

their attractions for those who desire to see new countries and places on the way to their own country, in either Europe or America. Comforts have greatly increased, moreover, and the voyage is no longer the ordeal it was formerly, while the cost has not increased, except to the unfortunate individual who calculates his income in the ever depreciating silver dollar.

The latest competitor for the support of the travelling public, however, is not a heavily subsidised and luxuriously appointed line of powerful steamships; it is a line of railway from Furthest East to the European continent, and it offers to them a saving of both time and money. To those persons who are victims to *mal de mer* it of course appears in the light of a boon and a blessing, unless indeed the constant rattling and shaking of the railway car is not an equal trial to them. The Siberian Railway is now open for traffic, and its connection with Shanghai established. A steamer leaves that port once every week for Dalny, the new Russian port in Manchuria, which is connected by the Chinese Eastern Railway with the Siberian line. The steamer is timed to make the passage from Shanghai to Dalny in thirty-four hours, and the journey from Shanghai to Paris can be accomplished in twenty-one days, against some thirty-four days by rail-way to Vladivostok and steamer via Suez Canal. The trip across Siberia is made in a so-called *train de luxe*, but for the present at least it may be doubted whether the luxury is on a par with that contained in a first class steamer. Nevertheless there is a distinct saving of time, and the novelty of a journey over a new and picturesque route is likely to induce a good number of male passengers at any rate to try it. As an alternative way home it must command considerable attention, though it can hardly prove a formidable rival as a channel for trade, seaborne cargo being always carried at much lower rates than is possible by rail.

But the line will have a strategic value of the highest order. It forms the main connection between Russia in Europe and Russia in Asia: it brings Vladivostok into immediate and direct connection with St. Petersburg. It opens up the vast arable lands of Siberia to settlement by Russian farmers and peasants; it will bring the great mineral resources of Siberia into prominence, and lend to their early and vigorous development. It will accomplish the establishment of Muscovite power and trade in Siberian seaports and pave the way for the realisation of Russian ambitions on the Pacific. Whatever happens, it is impossible that the tide of Russian progress in Asia can be stayed altogether; it may, by a wise and prudent policy on the part of other Eastern Powers in combination, be kept within reasonable limits and legitimate channels. Great Britain is quite prepared to see such a development in Siberia resulting from Russian enterprise as will bring a rich reward and promote the prosperity of the Tsar's great empire, and will hail with nothing but satisfaction such a result. That satisfaction would, however, be accentuated if the Russian Government were to adopt a commercial policy more in consonance with that of Great Britain, instead of attempting to close the country to foreign goods and traders by the imposition of excessive import and other duties. The British and Japanese Governments would also feel relieved by seeing a less aggressive policy pursued by Russia in Manchuria, and a simple desire shown to make the best out of the very material concessions already acquired by her from China. In short, the Allies' only wish to be assured that Russia's policy in the future will make for the development of peaceful commerce in the Far East and not merely for the extension of the Muscovite empire at the expense of her neighbours.

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The *Siam Free Press* leaves that owing to the unsettled condition of the country, and the complicated political situation that prevails, the King of Siam has indefinitely postponed his trip to Japan and America. Our contemporary claims to have had it on excellent authority that the King of Siam was proceeding to Japan on a very important political mission, with the idea of signing a Convention and of thus making Siam a party to the political combination in the Far East, as a factor in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

We have received an interesting pamphlet entitled *The Work of the Navy League in our Schools*, containing articles contributed to the *Navy League Journal*, 1902, by masters of public and preparatory schools. In a short preface, Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford observes that the Navy League would have fully justified its existence had it never done any other work than to bring home to the youth of our public schools the fact that the Empire was mainly created and is only maintained by the power of the British Fleet. The writers of articles in the booklet comprise the headmasters of Bradfield, Uppingham, Radley, Dover, Sedburg, University College (London), assistant masters of Eton, and many others.

Six men hold absolute sway over the United States, and "the President and the people must bow to the will of these powerful men," is the astonishing statement made by the *New York Herald*. "The Board of Managers of the United States" is indeed, according to this authority, their unofficial title. They are all Senators of the United States, and their names are William B. Allison, of Iowa; Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Eugene Hale, of Maine; Orville H. Platt, of Connecticut; John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin; and Marcus A. Hanna, of Ohio. The chief of these is Senator Allison, who is also Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, which decides what sums of money shall be set aside for expenditure and what bills for appropriations shall not be passed, while he has a veto of all the House appropriation bills.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* of February 7th says:—The utter fraud that underlies and permeates the malevolent propaganda of the bubonic-plague fakers is apparent when the following unquestionable facts are considered. There has not been a single alleged case in San Francisco in the last sixty days. The death-rate of the city has positively shown no increase since the beginning of the plague-fake campaign. In the three years since the plague fakers were started the fakers have found in San Francisco only eighty-seven alleged cases, "no two of them in the same house, no two of them showing the remotest connection. In the ninety-eight days when the plague-hunters were watched by reputable and honest physicians they found not one case. The day after this surveillance ceased they found an alleged case.

WE are informed that Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., and Mr. E. A. HEWITT have been approached and have consented to be nominated for election to the Sanitary Board. We also understand that Mr. A. SHELTON HOOPER will be nominated. There are only two seats to be filled on the Board, and already it seems, there are three, probably four, gentlemen prepared to come forward for election. Mr. POLLOCK would certainly prove a very desirable acquisition to the Board and his election in the event of a contest would, we believe, be assured. On the other hand, though Mr. HEWITT, who represents the important interest of the P. & O. Company in the Colony, and was formerly Chairman of the Municipal Council at Shanghai, is in many respects well qualified to occupy a seat on the Board, there is a strong feeling that the important land interests of the Colony should be represented, and in this connection no better candidate could be selected than Mr. SHELTON HOOPER, whose long residence and intimate knowledge of local conditions mark him out as a peculiarly suitable candidate. The election takes place at the City Hall on April 2nd.

Dr. F. W. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, was entertained to dinner last evening by the staff of the Sanitary Board Department on the occasion of his going home on leave.

Mr. Phipps, who is a partner of Mr. Carragie, is now paying a visit to China and Japan. He is accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Phipps.

The North German Lloyd steamer *Freiburg*, bound from Hamburg to China and Japan, went aground last month four miles west of Mocha. The vessel got off in the evening, and proceeded east.

Plague is increasing in India. Certain districts of Bengal are sadly smitten, and the death-rate is steadily rising within them. The mortality is very nearly as high again as that of the similar period of last year, but not equal to the figures of 1901.

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## LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The 21st ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company took place in the Company's office yesterday. Hon. C. W. Dickson (chairman) presided, and there were also present Mr. J. H. Lewis (consulting committee), Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, P. A. Baylow, K. McK. Ross, A. J. H. Hunter, P. Potts, Ho Fook, Chao Leep Chee and Li Cheung Sin.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time we will, with your permission, follow the usual course and take them as read. From what passed at the last meeting of shareholders you are aware that the chances of resuming work at Malabon were then remote for reasons which it is scarcely necessary for me to repeat. The position did not improve during the year under review and the refinery has perforce remained silent ever since our last meeting. So long as the important question of the tariff between the United States and the Philippines remains unsettled, as it is at present the case, I would counsel further patience on the part of the shareholders because although immediate prosperity for the Company will necessarily follow, the position might be so materially altered as to largely increase the value of our property. If on the other hand no substantial relief in the way of duties is obtained, it will doubtless be expedient to take the sense of the shareholders as to the course to be then pursued. I know of nothing that I can usefully add to these remarks except to say that expenses are being kept down consistent with due care of the machinery and buildings, which are in good order. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may have to ask.

There were no questions, and the CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. BARLOW seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that Messrs. J. H. Lewis and A. G. Wood be elected as consulting committee.

Mr. Potts seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. HO FOKK moved that Mr. Thomas Arnold be re-elected auditor.

Mr. BARLOW seconded and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 17th March.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## ALLEGED DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS.

Fourteen seaman on the *Kirkcudbrightshire* were charged with continual disobedience of orders and neglect of duty between the 5th and 10th inst. on board the ship.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty, were represented by Mr. H. N. Ferrers. A remand was ordered.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO STEAL A JUNK'S CARGO.

Tsoi Po was charged, with another not in custody, with stealing 270 bags of rice, value \$3,435, the property of the Kung Hing Wing rice shop, 46, Connaught Road. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and was remanded till the 24th inst. Mr. M. J. D. Stephene appears for the defence.

It appears that the rice, which was the entire cargo of a junk, was consigned to the complainant firm, and when they went on Monday morning to claim it they found that the junk had already discharged the rice and that half of it had been sold. The defendant was present, and it is alleged that when arrested he was about to collect the money for the remaining portion of the rice. The defendant and the owner of the junk are believed to have been in league over the transaction, but the latter has not yet been arrested.

## BODY DUMPING.

Following a couple who were carrying a suspicious-looking bundle, a lukong saw them drop their load in a lane off Third Street, and detained the pair whilst he investigated the contents. Inside was the dead body of a plague victim. The couple were accordingly arrested and for their offence fined \$15 each.

## THE MOTOR AND THE 'BUS.

An amusing conversation I overheard lately (says a correspondent in the London *Contemporary*) shows that the motor-car is not yet taken seriously by its elders in the London traffic. An omnibus conductor was giving the driver of the omnibus just behind some striking information about a comrade. "E's come into fifteen hundred pound," said the conductor, "Wat! ejaculated the driver, almost dropping his reins. "Fifteen hundred pound," repeated the conductor, rolling the figures on his tongue with manifest relish. The driver thought hard for a moment, and then said, "Is it true?" "E told me itself," answered the conductor, and then, as a final demonstration, "E ain't at work now. E's drivin' a motor-car." "Ah!" said the omnibus driver resignedly. He wanted no further proof. Driving a motor, even if it be somebody else's motor, is a luxurious form of indolence. How different from driving horse!

## CURRENCY NOTES.

Reffing to President Roosevelt's recent message to Congress on the subject of the currency in China and Mexico, the *L. & C. Express* says—

The step taken by President Roosevelt is suggestive only. He declines to make, or side with, any proposals. The Chinese-Mexican appeal repudiates any intention of importing free coinage of silver into the international scheme of adjustment. But the ultimate idea of their appeal must be aimed at giving some sort of a fixed value to the white metal or nothing is accomplished. To our mind there would be practically little or no danger in fixing silver at or about its present value. At 22d. per oz. it would scarcely pay to prospect for silver alone: its supply would, in the main, be forthcoming, as it is now, largely by product with gold, or other, mining. If such a rate were crystallised prices would adjust themselves; Eastern banking would be banking proper instead of a gamble as now, and the merchant, whether importer or exporter, would readily adjust his transactions to this rate.

## AN OPTIMISTIC FRENCH VIEW.

As far as one can hazard a provision on such a subject M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu shows himself in the *Economiste Francais* to be very optimistic. He thinks that the price of silver will establish itself round about 22d. per ounce. He points out that the white metal during 40 years fluctuated between 21d. and 22d. per ounce, showing a very considerable fall. Secondly, that a notable reduction has taken place in the efforts of production. During the last two years, this production, which in 1876 was 2,107,600 kilos, rose by regular stages to 5,210,942 kilos. in 1893. It increased to 1,47 per cent. in nine years and then much more slowly. In 1900 it was 5,377,000 kilos, and seemed to have reached a stationary point. The further big fall in 1902 would seem to indicate a diminution of production. In any case, he adds, it is very probable that this diminution will continue if the fall goes on; if, for instance, silver fell to 1d. or 2d. per ounce.

Thirdly, the industrial use of silver is extending. Fourthly, it should be remembered that the monetary role of silver is not finished. Whilst it is a token only among the civilised nations it also preserves a monetary function of considerable importance. It is also greatly used in countries where wages are low, such as Asiatic countries and a large part of Africa. If in Europe one reckons eight francs a head the 600,000,000 or \$90,000,000 of primitive people use an amount much greater. Fifthly, whilst the value of silver is fixed in gold, and the production of gold will shortly become enormous, this should have an influence on the price of silver.

From all these circumstances M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu estimates that the depreciation of silver will not go on in the same ratio as in the past. There will be nothing astonishing, according to him, that the price of silver should in the future establish itself between 20d. and 22d. per ounce, and Eastern exchange be confined within comparatively small oscillations.

## LONDON PRESS VIEWS.

The *Times* writes—The idea of a movement for establishing "international bi-metallism" is discredited, and we assume that what is intended is to endeavour to ascertain whether these countries can follow the example of India in "fixing" the rate of exchange of silver for gold, by restricting the coinage of silver. We fear that there is little chance of its being done, and we assume that what is intended is to endeavour to ascertain whether these countries can follow the example of India in "fixing" the rate of exchange of silver for gold, by restricting the coinage of silver. We fear that there is little chance of its being done, and we assume that what is intended is to endeavour to ascertain whether these countries can follow the example of India in "fixing" the rate of exchange of silver for gold, by restricting the coinage of silver. 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COMPETENT SALESMAN for English House at Shanghai. Indents only. Soft goods.

State Experience and Salary required.

Apply— LLOYD,

31a, Nanking Road, Shanghai.

18th March, 1903. [86]

## NOTICE.

A CERTIFIED COMPETENT ACCOUNTANT seeks a permanent engagement for a moderate remuneration, and offers his services to any Firm here (Mercantile or others) whether as the Accountant or Assistant. In the absence of which, he is prepared to open or close sets of books, write up monthly accounts, and do auditing works. Extra work will be accepted as well.

Please communicate with— H. M. E., Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1903. [86]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out at Lyemun on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, at targets in a South-Easterly direction.

Practice will commence at about 10 A.M.

By Command, F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1903. [83]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,

## on

SATURDAY, the 21st of MARCH, 1903, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, Duddell Street.

A FINE COLLECTION OF OLD and RARE POSTAGE STAMPS, including MAEFERING BESIEGED, TRIANGULAR CAPE, ENGLISH PLATE NUMBERS, MULREADY COVERS, UNUSED COLONIALS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Friday, the 20th March.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1903. [81]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. SCHONEMANN, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

## on

THURSDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 2, ELLIOT (RECENT, Robinson Road,

THE WHOLE OF HIS

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, SADDLE-BAG and PLUSH COVERED COUCH and ARM-CHAIR, EASY CHAIRS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, TEAK OVERMANTELS, CANTON BLACKWOOD STOOLS, TRAPOYS and TABLES, ORNAMENTS, LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c.;

FINE TEAK SIDE-BOARD (Marinbuk), EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGON, BOOK-CASES, WRITING TABLE, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c.; BATHROOM and PANTRY REQUIRENTIES;

## Also

A QUANTITY of PALMS and other PLANTS in Pots (in good condition).

On view from Wednesday, the 25th March.

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TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1903. [82]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship

## HAITAN.

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at 11 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1903. [85]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. Calling at PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c., &c.

THE Steamer

## EASTERN.

Captain Ellis, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a refrigerating chamber, which ensures the supply of fresh provisions, ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the electric light.

A stewardess and a duly qualified surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers, the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [89]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

From Venetian ex.s.s. Vicens transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the under-mentioned before NOON, on the 24th of March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th of March, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WEILER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [13]

## "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CARGO ex.s.s. "Richmond Castle" from New York having arrived per s.s. "Bonlair" from Singapore. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [84]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARIG" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [83]

## SITUATION WANTED.

## NOTICE

THE THIRD HALFWAY DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEPENTURES of the Hongkong Club, payable on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1903, will be drawn at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, at 11 o'clock A.M., TOMORROW (THURSDAY), the 19th MARCH, 1903.

Beaters of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [80]

## PUBLIC LECTURE.

THE Reverend E. J. HARDY, author of "How to be Happy Though Married," kindly consented to deliver a Lecture at the CITY ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1903, at 5.15 P.M., on "Marriage."

H. E. SIR WILLIAM GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G., will take the Chair.

The Public are invited to this Lecture.

H. E. POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong Odd Volumes Society.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [83]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WANG HING, JEWELLER, REMOVED on the 11th FEBRUARY, to No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (opposite Messrs. KELLY & WALSH).

Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [473]

## ANNUAL OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

THE ANNUAL OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE DINNER will be held on TUESDAY, the 31st inst., at 8 P.M., in the HONGKONG HOTEL. All University men intending to be present, who have received no previous notice, are requested to send in their names to either of the undersigned.

E. D. C. WOLFE, The Land Court, Beaconsfield;

REV. F. SEELY, R.N., H.M.S. "Tamar," Joint Secretaries.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [81]

## CARTRIDGES.

NOBEL'S SPORTING BALLISTITE. Absolutely smokeless and water-resisting. THE BEST NITRO-POWDER IN THE WORLD.

PRICE of 12-HOLE CARTRIDGES—

Loaded with—With Powder  
Powder only. 1 oz. of Shot  
Primrose Cases \$8.25 \$8.00  
Pegamoid Cases ... 6.85 8.60  
Ejector Brass Cases 7.50 9.25

Apply to—

WM. SCHMIDT & CO., Gunmakers,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1902. [85]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on 21st MARCH, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

Shewan, TOMEY & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [77]

## HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 to 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the abjoined Resolutions—

1. That the Company may underwrite the whole or any part of the fire risks on its property, or any of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.

2. That the sum of \$200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured with other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [13]

## TO LET

TO LET.

**K**ELETT SPUR, at MOUNT KELLITT; "BINSIDE VILLA," PORFUM ROAD, its first-class state of repair; and Land on sea front Kowloon Marine Lot No. 5 admirably suited for the storage of coal.

Apply to— LINSTEAD & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [891]

TO LET.

**N**O. 9, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon.  
Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [108]

TO LET.

**N**O. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.

No. 12, CASTLE ROAD.  
No. 74, CAINE ROAD (formerly No. 40).  
Nos. 7, 9 and 11, SEYMOUR ROAD.  
1st FLOOR of No. 49, PEBL STREET.  
GODOWN No. 32A, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to— COMPRADEORE'S DEPARTMENT,  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1903. [184]

TO LET.

**F**URNISHED completely for 9 months from 15th May next—"TAKAWERA," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD, SIX LARGE ROOMED BUNGALOW, with TENNIS COURT.

Apply to— A. H. S., Lane, Crawford & Co.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [184]

TO LET.

**S**PACIOUS NEW HOUSES and FLATS, Connaught Road, Des Vaux Road and Pottinger Street. Close to Blake Pier. Suitable for Offices, Stores, &c. Rents very moderate.

Apply to— S. A. SETH,  
Dairy Farm Co.;  
or  
KWONG SUN TAI,  
34, Wing Lok Street.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [180]

TO LET UNFURNISHED.

**N**o. 33, CAINE ROAD. Available from 1st March.

"COOME," MAGAZINE GAP. Available from 1st April.  
Apply to— Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [542]

TO LET.

"CROWSNEST," BARKER ROAD. Completely furnished. For Six Months from April 1st.

Apply to the Office of the FUMIGATING & DISINFECTING BUREAU, LTD., 27, Des Vaux Road.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [811]

TO LET.

**G**ODOWNS, paved with granite, at Wan Chai. Suitable for storage of Coal or any other dry merchandise. With Pier.

Apply to— HASON LEE,  
255 Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [84]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

"EXCELSIOR," No. 10, SAN LOURENCO, Mexico. From 1st April ext.

Apply to— DR. G. P. JORDAN,  
2, Connaught Buildings.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [698]

TO LET.

**N**OS. 11, 12 and 14, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. For Particulars, please apply to MR. LI PAK, Care of Compradore, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, 1st Floor No. 1, Prince's Buildings, Chater Rd., Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [183]

TO LET.

NOS. 1, 2, "MAGDALEN TERRACE," Corner houses, MAGAZINE GAP.

Apply to— SPANISH PROCURATION, Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [78]

TO LET.

**O**FFICES at 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Apply to— G. GIRAUT.  
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1902. [72]

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 14, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Queen's Road Central. From 1st April. Suitable for an Office. For further Particulars, apply to H. YEAH'S STUDIO, Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [787]

TO LET.

**N**o. 1, CAMERON VILLAS, Peak.  
Nos. 6, 11, 12, 15 and 18, BELLIOS TERRACE, SHOP, No. 11, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE. For Terms and Particulars, apply to TURNER & CO.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [757]

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 3, OLD BAILEY. TOP FLAT of "SEAVIEW," WANGHAI ROAD. Cool and healthy situation. Full view of harbour.

No. 5, REDNAXELA TERRACE. And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,  
Care of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [753]

TO LET.

"HARTLEY," STONY BROOK ROAD, and "INGLEWOOD," RICHMOND.  
Apply to— LAU CHU PAK,  
Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [150]

## TO LET.

"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLITT.  
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.  
No. 1, RIPON TERRACE.  
GODOWNS at BOWINGTOM (PRAYA EAST).  
HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.

Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [71]

TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE to be let at PEAK for 2 or 3 months.

For Particulars, apply to— TURNER & CO.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1903. [732]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to— H. N. MODY,  
Victoria Building,  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [82]

TO LET.

HOUSES at Nos. 2, 3 and 4, CHICO TERRACE, off Upper Peel Street.  
Each house with Five Rooms and good Servants Quarters. Kent Moderate.

Apply to— COMPRODARE,  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1903. [387]

TO LET.

FROM April 1st, the GROUND FLOOR and the TOP FLOOR of No. 41, Des Vaux Road Central.

Apply to— C. S. L.,  
Care of 81, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1903. [854]

TO LET FURNISHED.

A HOUSE at the PEAK from 1st April Moderate Rent.

Apply to— W.,  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [867]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM in THIRD FLOOR of PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, suitable for an Office.

Apply to— S. J. DAVID & CO.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [868]

TO LET.

SECOND FLOOR, suitable for Office, No. 85, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to— WING CHEONG,  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [184]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

Apply to— 9, SELBORNE VILLAS,  
Kennedy Road.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [52]

TO LET.

"TANG YUEN."

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT.

European Supervision. Excellent Cuisine and Accommodation.

Apply to— MANAGERESS,  
Macdonnell Road;

FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [681]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

M. E. S. GILLANDERS,  
"GLENWOOD,"  
21, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1902. [2515]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

NOS. 12 and 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Entrance by Zetland Street.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [700]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATHER,  
2, Pader's Hill.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1892.

THE BEST  
THE OLDEST  
THE CHEAPEST  
BELT IN THE WORLD

GANDY'S

ALSO LARGE STOCK OF  
DODGEWOOD SPLIT PULLEYS.

HEAD BACK LEGS

THE GANDY BELT,  
ENGLAND.

SOLE AGENTS:  
LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO.  
191-192 HONGKONG.

HIGH-CLASS CHRISTMAS CAKES, decorated ... from \$1.00

Plain Christmas Cakes ... 0.60

German Sand Cakes ... from \$1 to \$5.00

Assorted Pastry Cakes ... per dozen 0.60

Scotch Buns ... from 1.50

Freuden Stollen ... 2.00

Mince Pies ... per dozen 2.40

Chicken and Ham Pies ... from 3.00

Chicken Pie ... 2.40

Game Pie ... from 5.00

Christmas Puddings, &c., to Order.

Please apply to WEISMANN & CO., LTD., Praya East, ANGLO-AMERICAN STORES,

64, Elgin Road, or ROYAL EXCHANGE WATER DEPOT, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [117-1]

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## CHRIS OF ALL-SORTS.

BY S. BARING-GOULD,

Author of "Mahatma," "John Herring," etc.

## CHAPTER XXV.

OMERORON PLACE.

Those sparks of life.

That should be in a Roman you do want,

Or else you are not.

Julius Caesar, Act I. sc. 3.

Omeroron Place was one of those backwaters of life that lie North of Oxford Street and High Holborn in which old sticks swirl about, and which they never leave, and where when water-logged they sink.

It consists of houses let out in chambers, some looking north and never having the sun in the windows, the other facing south, exposed to the sun. It is mainly tenanted by middle-aged bachelors, who are secretaries of learned societies, or are literary men in a heavy line, metaphysic and history. The author is let out in offices to companies that possess patents which do not catch the public taste, or Benevolent Societies, which though benevolent to the indigent are benefactors to the secretaries and staff.

A few of the fair sex exist there, such as are met with in the Reading-room of the British Museum, and the housekeepers to the gentlemen, who occupy the chambers.

No perambulators are trundled up and down the pavement. No organ-grinders ever visit the Place.

And with children and with children's faces peering out of the windows, never draws up at one of its doors.

Omeroron Place is not on the way to any terminus, and consequently is not a thoroughfare in much request.

One gentleman kept a cat, which periodically had an accoutrement, in fact thrice in a twelvemonth.

Before each of these interesting events, the said cat perambulated the Place, descended areas, slipped in at several doors, explored strange chambers,

in quest of a convenient nursery, the Sunday bonnet of a housekeeper, or the pillow of a philanthropic gentleman, or the armchair of the Secretary of a Society for the Amelioration of anything but cats.

After the event, the woman who attended on the rooms of the owner of the cat, visited every house up and down the Place, to enquire whether there chanced to be an inmate who would take pity on a kitten.

A certain literary lady was on the shady side of the Place, and when not engaged in accumulating copy, and digesting it, peeped at her window at a gentleman in the flat opposite, who was immersed in the study of Runes, and into whose mind the notion that he was an object of interest to his vis-a-vis never entered.

No, not even when this lady, with her window sash thrown open, twittered at her piano, "Love in thine eyes over ewes."

Why Captain Fenton had taken chambers in this dull quarter, was more than he well knew himself. He had perhaps selected them because he was so situated in town, and yet required rooms in which he could stow away his goods.

On the morrow of the dinner at Lord Brandon's a house was driven to Stowall Chambers, and drew up at the door. From it descended Miss Lavenham and Admiral Chandos. Lady Brandon had given to Chris the address of Captain Fenton in town.

In response to knocks and bell, a woman appeared at the door, grey of hair, grim of face and in her apparel showing a tendency to slatternliness. She preceded the visitors upstairs, threw open the door and announced them.

Captain Fenton was seated in his armchair, with his back to the door, by the fire, which was unlit, with the daily papers on the floor.

He was immersed in the study of Runes, and beside him was a book of the same.

Chris was distressed to note his face, as he turned listlessly to his left.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Mar. 16, FRIGGA, Norv. str., 673, Bergh, Saigon.  
11th March, Rice and Cotton—ODER.  
Mar. 16, INDRA SAMHA, British str., 3,366 R.  
P. Craven, Portland via Ports 3rd Feb.,  
General—ALLAN CAMERON.

Mar. 16, KOHAT, German str., 1,732, H. Stock,  
Bangkok 9th March, Rice—NORDDEUTSCHE  
LLOYD.

Mar. 16, MACHAON, British str., 4,276, G. W.  
Long, Shanghai 13th March, General—  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Mar. 17, ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, R.  
Nugent, from FORMOSA.

Mar. 17, BENJARIG, British str., 1,452, Kroble,  
London via SINGAPORE 10th Mar., General—  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Mar. 17, ECLIPSE, British barque, 2,969,  
Moerbe, Negras 8th March, Belfast—  
STANDARD OIL CO.

Mar. 17, FERMOZA, British str., 2,615, B. W.  
Snow, Yokohama 2nd March and Shanghai  
14th General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

Mar. 17, FERNAND, Austrian str., 3,843, A. Martinlich, Singapore 11th Mar.,  
General—SANDER, WIELER & CO.

Mar. 17, HAMBURG, German str., 10,599, E.  
Barmoister, Yokohama 7th Mar., General—  
MELCHERS & CO.

Mar. 17, HINSONG, British str., 1,536, Lake  
Songa 12th March, Coal—JARDINE  
MATTHESON & CO.

Mar. 17, KAMPOU, French str., 411, Baye,  
Saigon 11th Mar., Rice and Fish—ODER.

Mar. 17, KWANGTSE, Chinese str., from Canton.

Mar. 17, MALAYA, Russian str., 3,151, Neu  
mann, Vladivostock 7th March, General—  
MELCHERS & CO.

Mar. 17, THALIS, British str., 820, A. J. Rob  
son, Swatow 16th March, General—  
Douglas Lapraik & Co.

CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
17th March.

Curt Diderichsen, German str., for Haiphong.  
Hongkong Mara, Japanese str., for Shanghai.  
Kuikiang, British str., for Ningpo.  
Machaon, British str., for Singapore.  
Maidum Mara, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
Malaya, Russian str., for Singapore.  
Progress, German str., for Toulon.  
Prusser, Norwegian str., for Chefoo.  
Seitoku Maru, Japanese str., for Saigon.  
Selma, Norwegian str., for Wuhan.  
Singen, British str., for Canton.  
Thader, British str., for Swatow.  
Tyr, Norwegian str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.  
17th March.

ARRATOON APACAB, British str., for Calcutta.  
GLENNOGL, British str., for Amoy.  
HAICHING, British str., for Coast Ports.  
IZZUMI MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.  
MAUSANG, British str., for Samakian.  
P. C. KIAO, German str., for Baekok.  
PROSPER, Norwegian str., for Chefoo.  
SINGAN, British str., for Canton.  
TAISANG, British str., for Singapore.  
TYE, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
VICORIA, American str., for Tacoma.

VESSELS IN DOCK.  
17th March.

A BERKELEY DOCKS.—  
KWILOON DOCKS.—Kinshan, Compania de  
Filipinas, Sherman, Isla de Cuba, Paul Doumer,  
Lyra, Zafiro, H.M., Bramble.  
COMETOPOLITAN DOCK.—

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Swatow  
16th inst., had strong N.E. monsoon, overcast  
and hazy weather. Vessels in Swatow—  
Wenchow, Chefoo and Hainan.

The British steamer *Bendix*, from London  
via SINGAPORE 10th inst., had light S.E. winds  
and smooth water up to Paracels; from thence  
to port moderate northerly wind and sea, hazy  
weather.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship  
"THALES," will be despatched for the above  
Port TO-DAY, the 18th inst., at NOON.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [166]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND."

Captain Martinlich, will leave for the above  
places TOMORROW, the 19th inst., P.M.

The Steamer has capital accommodation  
for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a  
Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,  
Agents.

Princes' Building.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [13]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA  
AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE."

Captain Berlitz, will leave for the above  
places on SUNDAY, the 22nd inst., at DAY  
LIGHT.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for  
Passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor  
the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE  
for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or  
the Crew of the following Vessels during their  
stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Rose, British barque, Thomas Pow—Siemens  
& Co.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO  
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"SACHSEN"

OF the NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,  
Captain W. Franke, dues here with the out  
ward German Mail about THURSDAY,

Mar. 16, KOHAT, German str., 1,732, H. Stock,  
Bangkok 9th March, Rice—NORDDEUTSCHE  
LLOYD.

Mar. 16, MACHAON, British str., 4,276, G. W.  
Long, Shanghai 13th March, General—  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Mar. 17, ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, R.  
Nugent, from FORMOSA.

Mar. 17, BENJARIG, British str., 1,452, Kroble,  
London via SINGAPORE 10th Mar., General—  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Mar. 17, ECLIPSE, British barque, 2,969,  
Moerbe, Negras 8th March, Belfast—  
STANDARD OIL CO.

Mar. 17, FERMOZA, British str., 2,615, B. W.  
Snow, Yokohama 2nd March and Shanghai  
14th General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

Mar. 17, FERNAND, Austrian str., 3,843, A. Martinlich, Singapore 11th Mar.,  
General—SANDER, WIELER & CO.

Mar. 17, HAMBURG, German str., 10,599, E.  
Barmoister, Yokohama 7th Mar., General—  
MELCHERS & CO.

Mar. 17, HINSONG, British str., 1,536, Lake  
Songa 12th March, Coal—JARDINE  
MATTHESON & CO.

Mar. 17, KAMPOU, French str., 411, Baye,  
Saigon 11th Mar., Rice and Fish—ODER.

Mar. 17, KWANGTSE, Chinese str., from Canton.

Mar. 17, MALAYA, Russian str., 3,151, Neu  
mann, Vladivostock 7th March, General—  
MELCHERS & CO.

Mar. 17, THALIS, British str., 820, A. J. Rob  
son, Swatow 16th March, General—  
Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Mar. 17, THERESA, British str., 1,050, R.  
Nugent, from FORMOSA.

Mar. 17, VICTORIA, British str., 1,452, Kroble,  
London via SINGAPORE 10th Mar., General—  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Mar. 17, WILHELMINA, British str., 2,615, B. W.  
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Mar. 17, YOUNG, British str., 1,536, Lake  
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Empress of China, with the Canadian Mail, left Shanghai on Sunday, the 15th inst., at 10 p.m., and may be expected here-to-morrow.  
The Suez, with the German Mail of the 17th ult., left Singapore on Saturday, the 14th inst., at noon, and may be expected here-to-morrow.  
The Doric, with the American Mail of the 21st ult., left Yokohama on Friday, the 13th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 21st inst.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	P.R.B.	DATE
Honduras		Wednesday, 18th, 7.30 A.M.
Carl Diederichsen		Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Selaku Maru		Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Thales		Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Athenian		Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M.) Extra	Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Shaw and Hoiphoen	Postage 10 cents)	

Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Postage 10 cents)	TO-DAY.
Macao		Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.
Shanghai		TO-MORROW.
Hangchow		Sale, Japanese Ware, &c., Sales Rooms, V. I. Remedios, 2 P.M.
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